

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 23 June 2011 has been entered.

Status of Claims

Claims 8-15, 18-20 and 22 were canceled in the Examiner's amendment of 23 March 2011. Claims 1-2, 7, 16-17, 21 and 23-24 are currently pending and under examination.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 23 June 2011 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and has been considered by the examiner.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant's IDS has been considered. However, none of the references raise any new issues of anticipation or obviousness.

Claims 1-2, 7, 16-17, 21, and 23-24 are allowed.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Christine J. Saoud whose telephone number is (571)272-0891. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 6AM-2PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Stucker can be reached on 571-272-0911. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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